

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Applicants have amended the claims to recite that the microcomputer accesses the storage arrangement only if the security code agrees with the comparison code. Support for this amendment is found at least in page 8, lines 17-25, of the specification. Unlike the claimed invention, Mirov protects the integrity of data integrity, but not the exchange of information between different devices. Since Mirov does not teach or suggest the invention of claims 1-16 as amended, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

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